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SUBJECT: CANADIAN ASSESSMENT OF ILO CONFERENCE

1. CHAIRMAN CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO ILO JOHN MAINWARING PROVIDED LABATT WITH GOC ASSESSMENT OF ILO CONFERENCE INTENDED TO PERSUADE U.S. NOT TO WITHDRAW FROM ORGANIZATION. REPLYING TO THE FIVE CRITICAL ISSUES CITED IN STATE 102699 (WHICH WE HAD LEFT IN AIDE MEMOIRE FORM WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND LABOR MINISTRY), MAINWARING MAINTAINED THAT U.S. AND FREE WORLD ALLIES SCORED VICTORY ON THREE OF THEM. ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE INTRODUCTION OF NEW ARAB RESOLUTION WAS DEFEATED. ALTHOUGH "BOOK WAS NOT CLOSED" ENTIRELY ON 1974 RESOLUTION, REQUIREMENT THAT DG BLANCHARD REPORT ON THIS ISSUE TO 1978 AND 1979 CONFERENCES IS AN OUTCOME WHICH IS TOLERABLE. ON ILO STRUCTURE WE ALSO GAINED OUR OBJECTIVE WHEN DECISION WAS REACHED TO DEFER FURTHER CONSIDERATION BACK TO THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE. THIRD POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT WAS ELECTION OF JOE MORRIS TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF GOVERNING BODY.

2. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT OUR OBJECTIVE ON ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT WAS NOT REALIZED GOC FEELS SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE INsofar AS PRINCIPLE OF CHANGE TO RULE OUT EXTRANEIOUS
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POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS WAS ACCEPTED BY CONFERENCE AND THAT DG WILL NOW BE MORE INCLINED TO USE HIS AUTHORITY TO SCREEN OUT UNACCEPTABLE RESOLUTIONS. CONCERNING EQUAL TREATMENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE CASES, CITATIONS OF USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN SPECIAL PARAGRAPHS WERE ANOTHER POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

3. IN TERMS OF OVERALL CONFERENCE OUTCOME MAINWARING

EMPHASIZED SEVERAL OTHER RESULTS WHICH WERE FAVORABLE IN GOC'S VIEW. DESPITE OBVIOUS PLEASURE SHARED BY MAJORITY OF G-77 IN SCORING VICTORIES OVER "WHITE IMPERIALISTS" A PERCEPTIBLE TREND TOWARD DEFECTION AMONG MODERATE LDC'S HAS BEEN SET IN MOTION. IMEC GROUP SOLIDARITY PROGRESSED REMARKABLY WELL FROM ITS BEGINNING DURING 1976 CONFERENCE. FURTHERMORE, THE UNIQUE TRIPARTITE ILO STRUCTURE REMAINS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN WEAKENING NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION.

3. DURING RECEPTION HONORING JOE MORRIS FOR HIS ELECTION TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF GB, MORRIS TOOK LABATT ASIDE TO URGE THAT USG AND AFL-CIO WEIGH CAREFULLY THE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE ILO AND THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENTS THAT U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO WOULD ENTAIL. MORRIS ALSO CITED POSITIVE RESULTS ACHIEVED AT JUNE CONFERENCE SUCH AS IMEC COHESION AND WEAKENING OF DOMINATION BY RADICALS OVER G-77 WITH RESULTANT DEFECTION LEADING HIM TO CONCLUDE THAT U.S. PRESENCE IN ILO IS CRUCIAL IF OUR JOINT OBJECTIVES ARE TO BE ACHIEVED. ENDERS

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